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Assimilate the Law for the Relief of the Poor in Ireland to that of England by substituting Union Rating for the present system of rating by electoral divisions. A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law of rating and chargeability in poor law unions in Ireland:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. That from and after the *twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one*, so much of every Act contained in the schedule to this Act annexed as authorizes the making of separate rates on the electoral divisions of poor law unions in Ireland, and so much thereof as provides for the charging of the expenses or sums of money incurred or expended in the relief of the poor, or in carrying into execution or for any other purposes in the said Acts mentioned and provided for, to one or more of the electoral divisions of any union, or on the rates of any one or more of such electoral divisions, shall be and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal of provisions requiring separate assessments on electoral divisions of poor law unions.

2. From and after the said date, every rate made by the guardians of the poor for the relief of the poor in Ireland, or for any of the other purposes in the said Acts provided for, shall be made upon all the hereditaments situate in the said union and rateable under the said Acts or any of them, and thenceforth all expense incurred by the guardians or their officers in the relief of the poor, or in carrying into effect any other of the said purposes, shall be charged to the whole union and on the rates made thereon, as herein-before provided. Substitution of union rating.

3. And whereas by an Act passed in the thirteenth year of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to provide for the collection of rates [Bill 18.] Provision as to framing estimates

A.D. 1871. "in the city of Dublin," the board of guardians of such union or
 of sums
 chargeable
 on electoral
 divisions
 of city of
 Dublin. part of a union situate within the district of the collector general
 appointed under the provisions of that Act is required to estimate
 and ascertain the amount of the sums of money chargeable on any
 electoral division situate or comprised within the district aforesaid: 5
 Be it enacted, That in framing such estimate the guardians of each
 such union shall estimate and ascertain the sums so chargeable
 aforesaid, having regard likewise to the estimated expenditure of
 the other parts of such union, and so as to enable the whole
 estimated expenditure to be levied by an equal poundage rate on 10
 the rateable tenements situate in the whole union.

Poor law
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 orders. 4. The commissioners for administering the laws for relief of
 the poor in Ireland are hereby authorized and required to make and
 issue all such orders as may be requisite to render the proceedings
 and accounts of the guardians of unions conformable to the provi- 15
 sions of this Act.

Short title. 5. This Act may be cited as "The Union Rating (Ireland) Act,
 1871."

SCHEDULE referred to in Clause 1.

The 1st and 2d Vict. Cap. 50.
6th and 7th Vict. Cap. 92.
10th Vict. Cap. 31.
11th and 12th Vict. Cap. 25.
12th and 13th Vict. Cap. 104.
14th and 15th Vict. Cap. 35.
14th and 15th Vict. Cap. 68.
17th and 18th Vict. Cap. 104.
19th and 20th Vict. Cap. 98.
21st and 22d Vict. Cap. 64.
23d Vict. Cap. 26.
25th and 26th Vict. Cap. 83.
28th and 29th Vict. Cap. 75.
29th Vict. Cap. 38.
29th and 30th Vict. Cap. 90.

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